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Cranberries January 2005

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A special "THANK YOU" goes to Massachusetts Cranberry growers and handlers who have helped us by completing cranberry surveys throughout the year.

2004 UNITED STATES CRANBERRY PRODUCTION UP THREE PERCENT

Massachusetts: Cranberry production in Massachusetts totaled 1.8 million barrels in 2004, a 28 percent increase from the previous year's production. This year's production was the largest since 2000. Growers harvested 14,100 acres, 300 acres less than the previous year. This year's crop yield averaged 127.9 barrels per acre, an increase of over 30 barrels per acre from the 2003 crop.

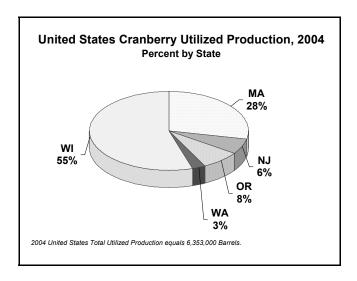
Cranberry handlers were contacted in the fall of 2004 for their expected price paid to Massachusetts' growers for their 2004 crop. The Massachusetts' 2004 preliminary price for fresh cranberries was \$56.90 per barrel. The Massachusetts' 2004 preliminary price for processed cranberries was \$32.70 per barrel. The next price update for the 2004 crop will be published in the Noncitrus Fruit and Nuts Summary scheduled for release on July 6, 2005.

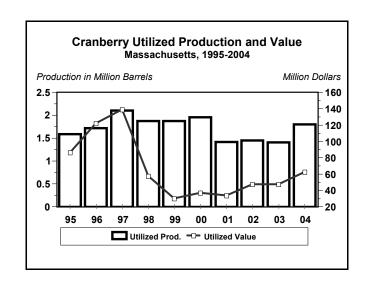
United States - Five Major States: The Nation's cranberry crop totaled 6.4 million barrels in 2004, three percent above the 2003 production. Wisconsin continues to be the largest cranberry producing state with 3.48 million barrels in total production. Total United States cranberry acreage harvested

was 39,200 acres, a decrease of 400 acres from the previous year. The United States 2004 preliminary price for fresh cranberries averaged \$56.20 per barrel and processed cranberries averaged \$33.50 per barrel.

Maine: According to Charlie Armstrong, Cranberry Associate, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Maine's 2004 cranberry production totaled 20,250 barrels, an increase of three percent from last year's production. There were 225 acres of cranberries harvested in Maine with an average yield of 90 barrels per acre.

This report is taken from the National Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts - Preliminary Summary report published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service at 3:00 PM on January 25, 2005. The Cranberries report is issued annually at 1:00 PM on the third Tuesday of August of each year. It contains the production forecast of the upcoming harvest.





CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2002 - 2004

State	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel 1/2/			Value of
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	Utilized Production
	Acres	Barrels 2/	1,000 Barrels ^{2/}				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
2002										
Massachusetts	14,500	100.1	1,452	1,452	154	1,298	50.30	30.70	32.80	47,595
New Jersey	3,100	138.7	430	430		430		31.90	31.90	13,717
Oregon	2,800	154.3	432	432	9	423	48.30	32.30	32.60	14,098
Washington	1,700	98.2	167	160	30	130	53.70	31.90	36.00	5,758
Wisconsin	17,300	185.4	3,208	3,208	177	3,031	51.80	30.50	31.70	101,615
United States	39,400	144.4	5,689	5,682	370	5,312	51.20	30.80	32.20	182,783
2003										
Massachusetts	14,400	97.6	1,406	1,406	107	1,299	56.20	32.10	33.90	47,711
New Jersey	3,200	150.0	480	480		480		31.60	31.60	15,168
Oregon	2,900	175.9	510	510	9	501	55.60	33.50	33.90	17,284
Washington	1,700	111.8	190	190	30	160	52.50	32.20	35.40	6,727
Wisconsin	17,400	207.3	3,607	3,607	205	3,402	51.10	32.70	33.70	121,721
United States	39,600	156.4	6,193	6,193	351	5,842	52.90	32.50	33.70	208,611
2004 ^{3/}										
Massachusetts	14,100	127.9	1,804	1,804	157	1,647	56.90	32.70	34.80	62,790
New Jersey 4/	3,100	129.7	402	394		394		34.80	34.80	13,711
Oregon	2,900	174.1	505	505	10	495	55.30	35.20	35.60	17,977
Washington	1,700	100.0	170	170	30	140	55.50	35.00	38.60	6,565
Wisconsin	17,400	200.0	3,480	3,480	200	3,280	55.80	33.40	34.70	120,712
United States	39,200	162.3	6,361	6,353	397	5,956	56.20	33.50	34.90	221,755

Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains and other retains.

A barrel weighs 100 pounds.

Updated price and value statistics for the 2004 crop is tentatively scheduled for release on July 6, 2005.

Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SOURCE: Non-citrus Fruits and Nuts - Preliminary, 3:00 p.m., January 25, 2005 National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE CRANBERRIES: Acres. Yield. Production. Utilization. Price and Value. 2002 - 2004

State and Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Produ	uction	Utili	zation	Price per Barrel	Value of Utilized Production		
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed				
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels		1,000 Barrels		Dollars	1,000 Dollars		
Maine										
2002	219.0	93.4	20.45	20.45	2.63	17.82	47.50	971		
2003	226.0	86.6	19.60	19.40	2.54	16.86	60.10	1,167		
2004	225.0	90.0	20.25	20.25	1.64	18.61	52.40	1.062		

SOURCE: January 2005, Cranberry Associate, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, 207-581-2940

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